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 EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF TWO LETTERS, EACH OF WHICH  
 ADDRESSED SEPARATELY TO "NEW YORK TIMES", "NEWSWEEK", AND  
 "CONGRESSMAN FROM IDAHO" (PRESUMABLY SENATOR CHURCH). LETTERS  
 REPORTEDLY HAND CARRIED OUT OF VIETNAM LAST WEEK BY AMERICAN  
 WITH NO RPT NO OFFICIAL POSITION. LETTERS REPORTEDLY ALREADY  
 POSTED BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL. BOTH LETTERS BEAR HANDWRITTEN  
 LETTERHEAD OF "VIETNAMESE STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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 STEERING COMMITTEE SAIGON."

LETTERS DESCRIBE DIEM REGIME'S OPPRESSION OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS, ATTEMPTS "DISABUSE" AMERICANS THAT STRUGGLE AGAINST REGIME IS NOT RMT NOT WIDESPREAD, AND POINTS OUT THAT WEAPONS USED AGAINST STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY AMERICANS TO HELP VIETNAMESE FIGHT COMMUNISM. AFTER STATING THAT BUDDHIST STRUGGLE HAS BECOME STUDENT STRUGGLE, LETTER ASSERTS THAT IF STUDENTS DO NOT GAIN SUPPORT OF AMERICANS, THEY WILL BE FORCED TO LEAN TOWARD COMMUNISTS, WITH LATTER EMERGING AS "FINAL VICTORS." SECOND LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 2, CONCLUDES THAT IF US CONTINUES HELP DIEM REPRESS STUDENTS, THEN STUDENTS DECLARE "US SHOULD PULL OUT OF VIETNAM OR IT IS CURSED BY VIETNAMESE PEOPLE."

FULL TEXTS OF LETTERS BEING POUCED. GP-4 LODGE

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NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE 1:20 PM, OCTOBER 8.

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